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1. The Security Corps are directly subordinate to the Ministry of the Interior. These corps are the Police (Policija) and Security (Sigurimi), each of which has a corresponding Directorate.
2. The General Directorate of Police is headed by the Under Secretary of the Interior, Sali Ormani.
3. The Directorate of Police (Drejtoria e Policise) includes the following sections:
 - a. Internal cases (Dega e Levizjes Brendshme).
 - b. Political cases (Dega e Levizjes Civile).
 - c. Prisons (Dega e Burgjeve).
 - d. General Secretary (Dega e Administrates).
 - e. Personnel (Dega e Kuzdrit).
4. The section for internal cases has jurisdiction over travel permits and movement of civilians in general. The section for political cases is in charge of issuing identity cards and of supervising the sections for vital statistics in the Komitet.
5. The Police Directorate also has sub-sections for traffic, fire-fighting, and investigations, with a detective unit of 20 to 25 men concerned with fugitives from justice, deserters, etc.
6. In each Komitet there is a section for internal cases directly subordinate to the section of internal cases in the Ministry.
7. The number of men of the Policia in the Komitet is 150 to 200 or more, according to the region and the population thereof.
8. In each Lokalitet there is a force of 5 to 10 men directly subordinate to the Komitet, with a non-commissioned officer in charge. In the village there is a policeman chosen from the villagers; he serves for two months and receives no pay.

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9. The Director of Police of the city of Tirana (and simultaneously of the Sigurimi) is Halim Ahclo [redacted]. The city of Tirana is divided into three police regions with corresponding sections (sic) with a strength of about 50 to 75 men each. There is also a force of 200 to 300 men engaged in guarding the various ministries and Parliament, in addition to other police duties.
10. On demobilization, soldiers may be asked if they wish to continue in service as policemen. If so, they are trained for a period of from three to six months. To be a policeman it is necessary to be a member of the Party.
11. In Tirana there is a school for police (Shkolla e Policise) where candidates for the police service take courses which last from six to ten months. For 50X1-HUM the most part illiterate peasants study in this school. The training programs are issued by the Soviets, who openly control the training. [redacted]
- [redacted] candidates for the different branches are trained separately, i.e. firemen, traffic police, etc.
12. The food given to the police is good and considered much better than that furnished to the army. The salary of an ordinary policeman is 2,000 lek. The pay of officers varies not according to rank but according to the responsibility of the position each one holds and his ability. The police uniform is steel blue in color. The officers' caps are peaked, but the ordinary policeman wears a cap like an "overseas" cap.
13. The police are armed with Soviet revolvers and sub-machine guns with a drum magazine holding 72 cartridges. Each police district has a motorcycle. The General Police Directorate has ten motorcycles, two passenger cars and one jeep.
14. There is little restriction on movement within Albania. Civilians have to have identity cards. Travel permits are not required, except that the lists of passengers are submitted to the section of internal cases of the Policia. Every departure from the place of permanent residence is reported to the Policia, and arrival at one's destination must be reported. Otherwise, the traveller cannot obtain rationed food. In each house there is a list stamped by the Policia giving the names of the permanent residents in the house. Whenever a guest is entertained this must be reported to the Policia, which issues a permit for temporary residence. Inspections are made by the Policia of houses of suspects, particularly at night to discover if any persons are being given hospitality illegally.

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